

2015 Flash Flood / River Flood Fatalities

In 2015, flash and river floods claimed 176 lives, up dramatically from 38 in 2014. The 2015 flood casualty total is well above the 10-year average of 82 deaths. Of the 176 deaths, 112 (64%), were killed in a vehicle, likely trying to cross a flooded road. Texas tragically numbered 48 victims; Missouri counted 22 flood fatalities, Utah, 20, Oklahoma, 16, and Illinois, 15. Flash floods caused 129 deaths; river floods, 45. Flood deaths were heaviest in the 50-59 age ranges with 29 victims (16%) followed by 30-39 with 27 deaths (15%), and 40-49 which each accounted for 24 deaths (14%). Males accounted for 114 deaths (65%) and females, 60 (34%).

2015 Flood Fatalities by State and Location

State	BO	BU	CA	IW	MH	OT	PH	VE	Total
AL (Alabama)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
AR (Arkansas)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
AZ (Arizona)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
CA (California)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HI (Hawaii)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
IL (Illinois)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	15
IN (Indiana)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
KS (Kansas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KY (Kentucky)	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	6	10
LA (Louisiana)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
MD (Maryland)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MO (Missouri)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	22
MS (Mississippi)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NE (Nebraska)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
NJ (New Jersey)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NM (New Mexico)	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
NY (New York)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
OH (Ohio)	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	5
OK (Oklahoma)	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	12	16
OR (Oregon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SC (South Carolina)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
TN (Tennessee)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	5
TX (Texas)	0	0	0	8	0	5	10	25	48
UT (Utah)	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	13	20
VA (Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
WV (West Virginia)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	1	24	5	21	11	112	176
Percent	1.14	0.00	0.57	13.64	2.84	11.93	6.25	63.64	

2015 Flood Fatalities by Age and Gender

	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	Percent
0 to 9	8	8	1	17	9.66
10 to 19	4	12	1	17	9.66
20 to 29	2	19	0	21	11.93
30 to 39	10	17	0	27	15.34
40 to 49	5	19	0	24	13.64
50 to 59	9	20	0	29	16.48
60 to 69	10	7	0	17	9.66
70 to 79	8	4	0	12	6.82
80 to 89	4	3	0	7	3.98
90 to --	0	0	0	0	0.00
Unknown	0	5	0	5	2.84
Total	60	114	2	176	
Percent	34.09	64.77	1.14		

Legend	
BO -	Boating
BU -	Business
CA -	Camping
IW -	In Water
MH -	Mobile/Trailer Home
OT -	Other
PH -	Permanent Home
VE -	Vehicle/Towed Trailer